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June 23, 2004

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and Cotton Valley
Formation, Reservoir A; HOLLY FIELD, DeSoto
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A; and to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A; all in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize an alternate unit well for HOSS RA SU1 and for CV RA SUBB at the location shown on attached plats.
2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize two (2) additional alternate unit wells for HOSS RA SU22 and for CV RA SUE at the locations shown on attached plats.
3. To approve an exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 88-D, effective February 1, 1975 (applicable to the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A), and Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975 (applicable to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A), for any of the above described wells, the location of which, as shown on the attached plats, does not comply with the well location provisions of said Order.
4. To find that each of the proposed alternate unit wells is necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, and the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, underlying the units on which it is proposed to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well on such units.
5. To permit the Operator of CV RA SUBB and of CV RA SUE to produce the allowables assigned to these units from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
6. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Hosston Formation, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-D, effective February 1, 1975. The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the Holly Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 88-E, effective August 1, 1975.

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Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter, and of each of the attached plats, is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and of the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Holly Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for El Paso Production Company

DLS:dp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)
Mr. Lew Duff (w/encls.)
Mr. Greg Clark (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/copy of plats only)

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HOSS RA SU E
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(KINGSTON)

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LEGEND

HOSS RA UNITS
AS PER 88-D SERIES (HOLLY)

UNIT WELL

ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER
REMOVED FROM BASE

elpaso Production

Onshore Development
Houston, Texas

HOLLY FIELD

DESOIT PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT

HOSS RA SU 1



LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

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(KINGSTON)
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(KINGSTON)
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MARSHALL ESPR
WAGER HORN RA S&Z
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410' FSL
1980' FWL
E. PASO
KELPATRICK
1-ALT
E. PASO
SMITH
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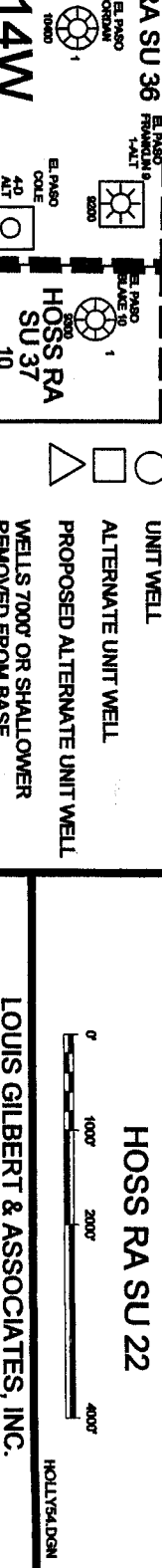
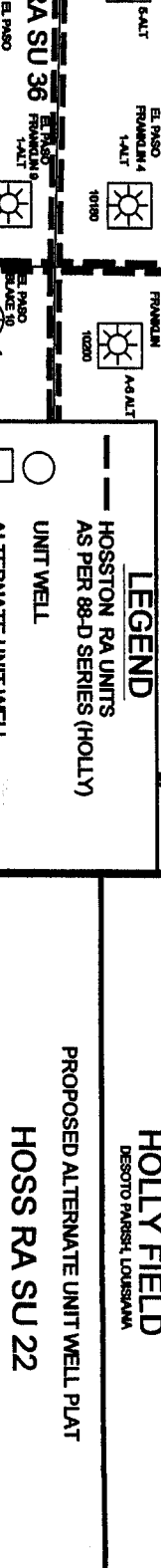
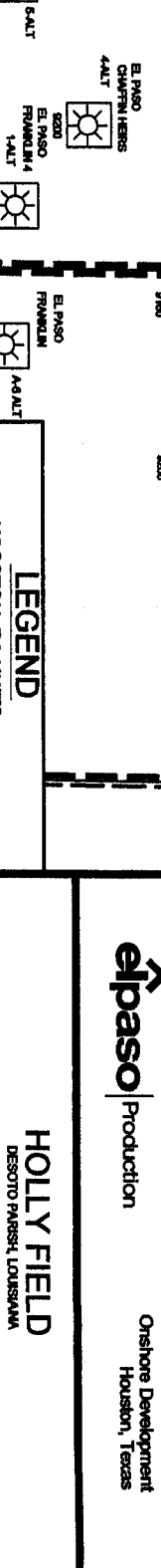
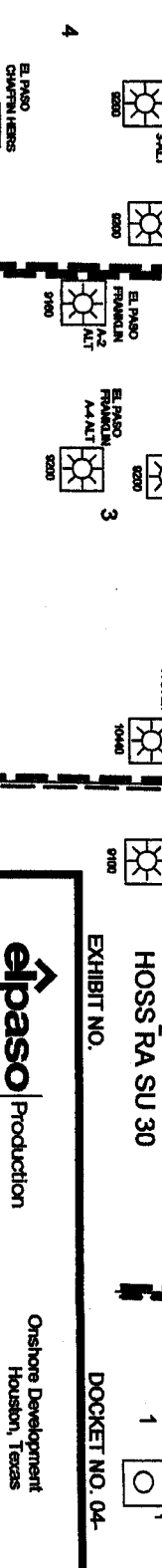
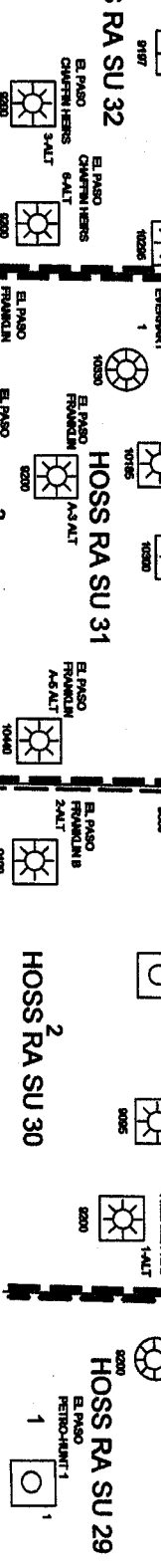
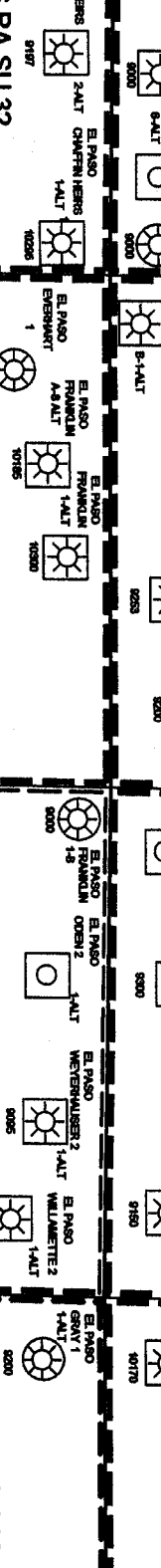
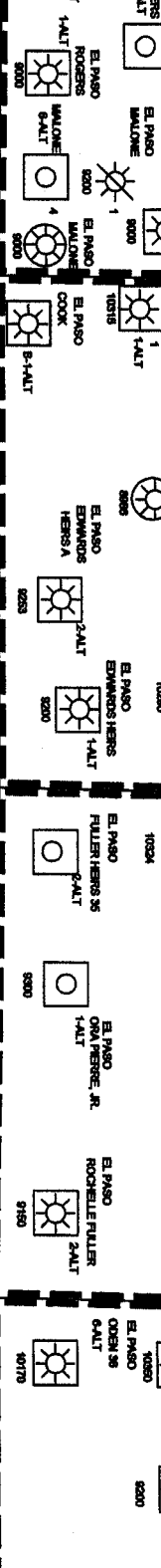
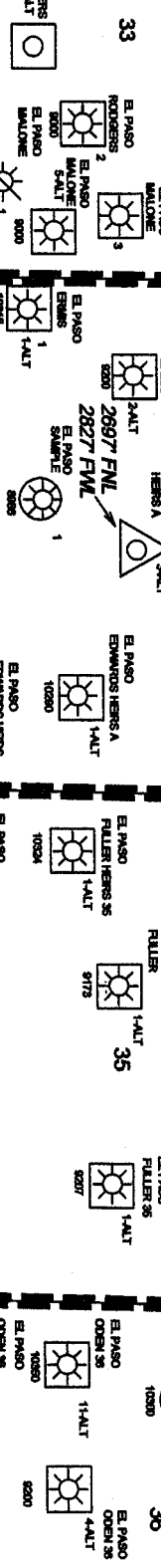
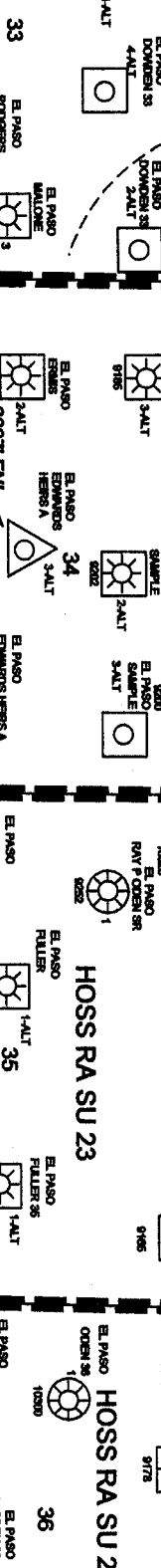
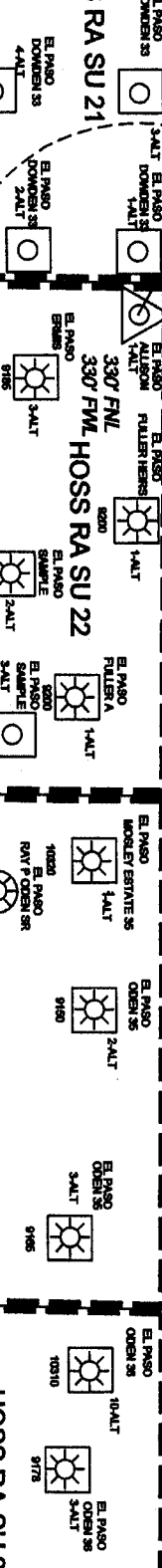
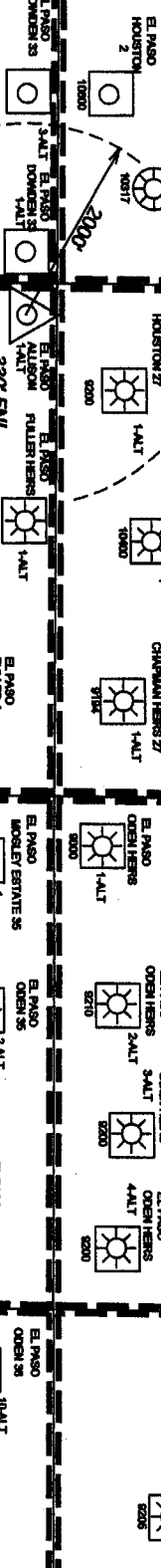
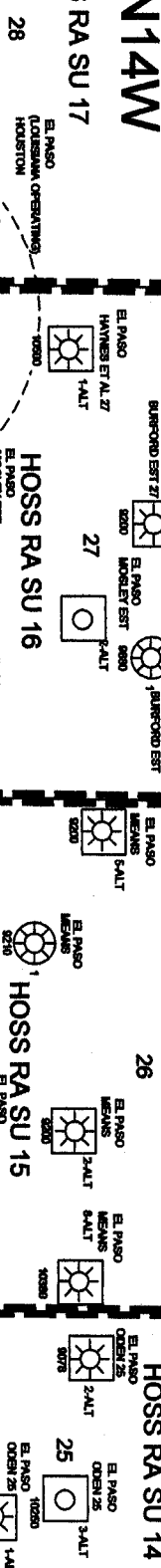
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 AS PER 88-D SERIES (HOLLY)
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 WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER
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 Onshore Development
 Houston, Texas

HOLLY FIELD
 DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT

HOSS RA SU 22



LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

EXHIBIT NO.

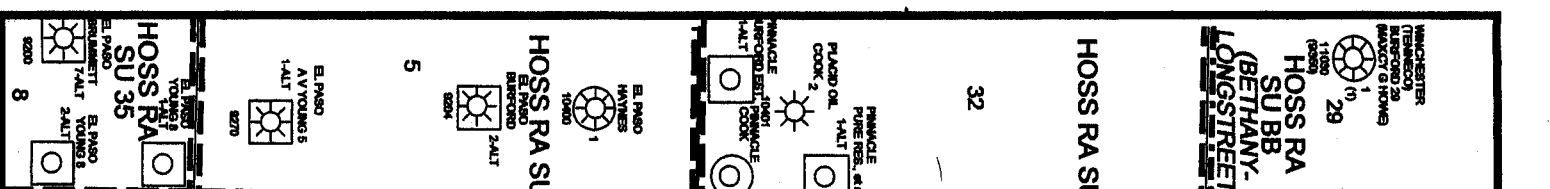
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LEGEND

COTTON VALLEY RA UNITS
AS PER 88-E SERIES

UNIT WELL

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

WELLS 7000' OR SHALLOWER
REMOVED FROM BASE

elpaso Production

HOLLY FIELD
DESOITO PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT

CV RA SU E

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